

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

--[0170] 5'-phosphorylated hairpin oligonucleotides (TIBMolBiol, Berlin) ~~5'-PH-  
GGGAGTCCAGT-xT-TTCTGGAC-3'~~ and ~~5'-PH-AGG-GGT-CCA-GTT-TTC-TGG-  
AC-3'~~ were ligated to the MIDGE-forming DNA fragment by means of the enzyme  
T4-DNA-Ligase in the presence of the restriction enzyme Eco31 I overnight at  
37.degree. C. The reaction was stopped by heating to 70.degree. C. The  
resulting mix of nucleic acids was treated with the enzyme T7-DNA-Polymerase.  
The Midge DNA was purified by anion exchange chromatography and  
precipitated by isopropanol (see US 6, 451,593 EP 0 941 318-B1).--

--[0172] The NLS peptide PKKKRKV (SEQ ID NO: 41) was linked to the ODN in  
two steps. Firstly, the modified oligonucleotide ~~5'-PH-d(GGGAGTCCAGT-xT-  
TTCTGGAC~~, where xT is an amino-modified thymine base with a C.sub.2-amino  
linker) (0.1 mM) was activated by sulfo-KMUS (5 mM) in PBS at room  
temperature (RT). The reaction was stopped by adding 50 mM Tris-  
(Hydroxymethyl)-Aminomethane after 120 min, and the activated ODN was  
obtained after ethanol precipitation (300 mM NaOAc pH 5.2, 5.5 mM MgCl.sub.2,  
70% Ethanol), centrifugation and a single wash with 70% ethanol. The ODN (0.1  
mM) thus obtained was dissolved in PBS and reacted with the peptide (0.2mM)  
for one hour at room temperature. The reaction was checked by gel  
electrophoresis (3%) and ethidium bromide staining. The resulting NLS-linked  
ODN was purified by HPLC and used for the synthesis of the MIDGE-NLS-  
constructs as described above.--